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## **Committee on Transfer and Articulation Conference Update**

Coordinating Board for Higher Education  
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### **BACKGROUND**

Sections 173.020(3) and 173.005.2(6), RSMo, authorize the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to ensure efficient and effective transfer of students among Missouri institutions. The Committee on Transfer and Articulation, CBHE's standing advisory committee, works within the CBHE's statutory authority to facilitate the transfer of students between institutions of higher education within the state, as authorized in 6 CSR 10-3. COTA is comprised of 12 members, drawn across institutional types, as noted in 6 CSR 10 -3(7)1. COTA holds an annual conference on a variety of topics closely related to transfer processes and articulation agreements, with an aim to promote equity in practice.

### **CURRENT STATUS**

This board item provides a brief summary of the 2022 COTA Conference, the purpose of which is to educate institutional leaders and staff on best practices and emerging trends for the facilitation of transfer for students in Missouri's higher education institutions. The 2022 Conference was entitled, Transfer League: Ensuring Equity in Transfer. The 2022 Conference Evaluation Report is attached.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The 2023 COTA Conference planning process is underway, with the date tentatively set for February 24, 2023, at the Harry S Truman State Office Building in Jefferson City, MO.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

This is an information item only.

### **ATTACHMENT**

- 2022 COTA Conference Report

2022 COTA CONFERENCE

# TRANSFER LEAGUE: ENSURING EQUITY IN TRANSFER

FEBRUARY 17, 2022



## COTA COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

The Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development hosted the annual Committee on Transfer and Articulation (COTA) Conference on Thursday, Feb. 17. The 2022 conference was held virtually, just like the 2021 conference.

### Conference Sessions

- Opening, Welcomes, and Keynote Presentation "Creating a Transfer Receptive Culture Using an Equity Lens" from Dr. Toyia Younger
- Dr. Younger - Q&A with Dr. Younger
- Doug Greiner - Avoiding Compassion Fatigue and Practicing Self-Care and Well-Being
- Micaela Lenhart - Transfer Students: Where Do They Come From and How Do I Talk to Them?
- Alicia Erickson - Core 42 Updates from MDHEWD
- Jaron Vail - Career and Technical Education
- Sam Bezjak and Tracy Westmoreland - Equity Report on Affordability
- Committee Acknowledgments, COTA updates, and Closing Session

## COTA CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The Committee on Transfer and Articulation (COTA) is charged by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to review and make recommendations on transfer issues; study and develop transfer guidelines for traditional and non-traditional credits; solicit suggestions and data from administrators, faculty, and students concerning transfer; and monitoring institutions to determine whether they are informing transfer students of their rights and responsibilities.

The Missouri Transfer Conference is coordinated and planned by COTA, and has been held annually since 2007. The intent of the conference is to provide attendees with additional data about best transfer practices, persistent transfer problems, and useful resources. The conference also provides an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues from across the state on transfer/articulation issues and challenges of mutual concern.

# OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE 2022 CONFERENCE

**Overall satisfaction remained consistently high.**

Written Conference Feedback Summary

**Question 1: How easily were you able to access the conference resources?**

- Very Easily: 56.10%
- Somewhat Easily: 36.59%
- Not Easily: 7.32%

**Question 2: Which of the conference sessions was the most helpful and valuable for you?**

- Opening Keynote: 38.6%
- Updates on Core42: 17.95%
- Avoiding Compassion Fatigue: 15.38%
- Career and Technical Education: 12.82%
- Transfer Students: How Do I Talk to Them: 10.26%
- Report of Affordability: 5.13%

**Question 3: What Was Your Main Purpose for Attending the Conference?**

Common themes in the responses:

- Networking
- Improving Transfer Advising
- Core 42 Updates
- To learn more about transfer opportunities and challenges
- Identify barriers and best practices

**Question 4: How Can We Improve Our Next Event?**

Common themes in the responses:

- Hold an in-person event for networking opportunities
- Use multiple sources for online connectivity to the sessions
- Wider variety of topics
- Sessions specifically for those evaluating credit

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# COTA CONFERENCE FUTURE PLANNING

COTA has made a query of attendees and the consensus of that poll is to hold future sessions in-person, with a virtual recording made available after the sessions. For in-person sessions, the consensus is to rotate the conference location across the state. For 2023, it will remain in the central area, in either Jefferson City or Columbia. Future sessions could be rotated among St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, or other locations with suitable conference facilities which have capacity to hold the group. In addition, COTA has decided to broaden the audience for the conference to include High School Guidance Counselors, with a track devoted to enhancing their understanding of the transfer process, at the collegiate level.

Presentations can be found online at:

<https://eduvents.dhewd.mo.gov/2022-cota-conference/>